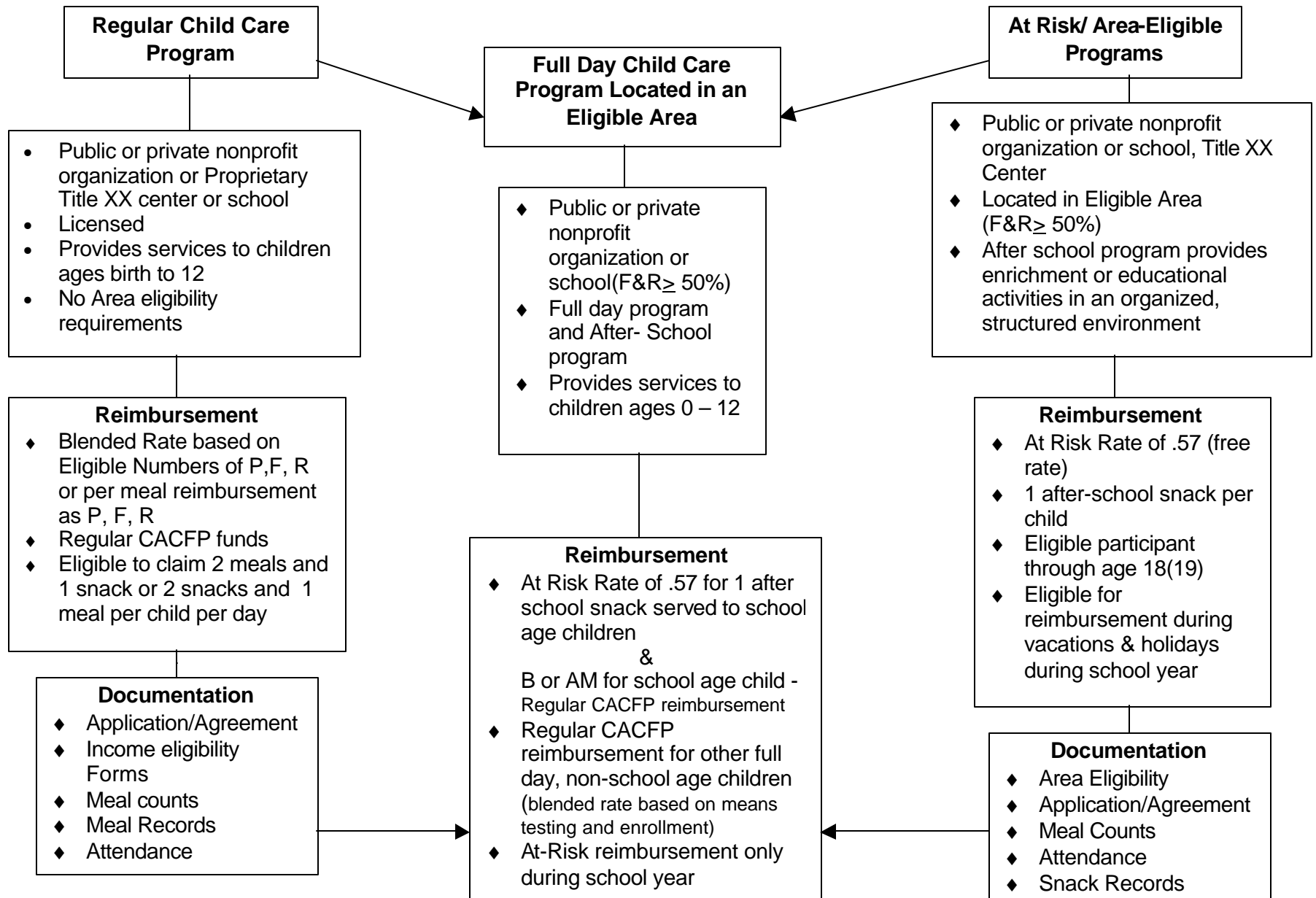


After School Care Programs in the Child & Adult Care Food Program



Reimbursement for Snacks in After School Care Programs In the Child & Adult Care Food Program

Public Law 105-336 Child Nutrition Reauthorization Act of 1998

FACT SHEET

Eligible Programs:

To be eligible to qualify for reimbursement under CACFP, after school care programs must meet the following three criteria.

1. The program must be operated by a public or private nonprofit organization.
2. The purpose of the program must be to provide after school care. The program must be organized to provide children with regularly scheduled activities in a setting that is structured and supervised. A roster or sign-in sheet must be kept to determine that children are present on a given day.
3. Eligible programs must include education or enrichment activities. Organized athletic programs such as a community sports league may not be included in this provision.

Eligible Sites:

To be eligible to participate under this provision, a site must be located in an area served by a school in which at least 50 percent of the enrolled children are certified eligible for free or reduced price meals. The attached list, "Site Eligibility," indicates schools that meet the 50 percent criteria.

Licensing:

After School Care Programs may be subject to Child Care Licensing Regulations. Licensing is required of programs that provide care, protection and supervision of children ages 16 and under which are designed to ensure wholesome growth and educational experiences outside of their homes for periods of less than 24 hours a day in a place that operates on a regular or continuous basis. The Child Care Licensing office in Waterbury should be contacted to determine if licensing is required.

Reimbursement:

Under this provision, after school care programs may claim reimbursement for one snack, per child, per day. Children are eligible to participate through age 18, and if a student's nineteenth birthday occurs during the school year, reimbursement can be claimed for snacks served to that

student during the remainder of that school year. Reimbursement may also be claimed for individuals, regardless of age, who are determined by the State agency to be mentally or physically disabled. All snacks served under this provision which meet the CACFP meal pattern are reimbursed at the free rate. It is not necessary for the site to make eligibility determinations for individual children or count snacks by type (free, reduced and over-income).

There is no provision in the reauthorization act to provide snacks to children ages 13 to 18 in non-needy areas. Sites may not charge children for snacks reimbursed under this provision.

Times of Operation:

This change in the law applies only to programs that provide care for children after their school day has ended. Under no circumstances may snacks be reimbursed under this provision for children participating in programs that operated before or during the school day. Snacks may be reimbursed if they are served at any time of the day on weekends or holidays, including vacation periods, during the regular school year.

Content of Meals:

Snacks served under this provision shall meet the meal pattern established for snacks in the Federal Regulations. See the attached sheet, "Meal Pattern Requirements for the After School Snack Program". Portions for children ages 13 through 18 shall be no less than the portions stipulated for children ages 6 through 12. It is recommended that organizations offer larger portions for older children (ages 13 – 18) based on their greater food energy requirements.

Additional Requirements:

An institution already participating in CACFP must amend its agreement to provide for the requirements of an after school meal service. New public and private nonprofit organizations wishing to participate under this provision must contact the State Agency for an application packet. All organizations must provide sufficient information to enable the State Agency to determine whether or not the program is eligible. All relevant provisions in the agreement apply to after school care activities, including the requirement to comply with program regulations. This part of the program operations will be reviewed during the CACFP monitoring process.

Recordkeeping:

At a minimum, public and private nonprofit organizations participating under this provision must maintain the following records.

- Documentation that the site is located in an area served by a school in which at least 50 percent of the enrolled students are certified eligible for free or reduced price meals.
- Total meal counts. (Meal Count Sheet)

- Documentation of individual children's attendance on a daily basis.
(Attendance Roster)
- Documentation of compliance with meal pattern requirements. (Snack
Record)

This provision represents an important new initiative to bring nutritious meals to the nation's children. Public and private nonprofit organizations are encouraged to participate to ensure these benefits reach eligible children.

Attachments:

See Site Map for ASP Site Eligibility Lists

See Site Map for ASP Meal Pattern Requirements